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REF: SOFIA 1060, 1078

YOUR REVISION OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF CONTINGENCY PRESS
GUIDANCE IS ACCEPTABLE. SECOND PART HAS BEEN CHANGED AS
FOLLOWS:

Q: WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE BULGARIAN COURT ACTION ON
THE CHILDREN?

A: THE VARNA PEOPLES COURT ISSUED A SUMMONS FOR THE MAREVS
TO APPEAR AT A HEARING MAY 20 TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY
SHOULD MAINTAIN THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS. THE MAREVS DID NOT
RECEIVE THE SUMMONS, AND WE INFORMED THEM OF IT WHEN WE
LEARNED OF ITS PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN
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GAZETTE. THE MAREVS SENT A DEPOSITION STATING THEIR SIDE
OF THE CASE TO THE COURTS VIA WESTERN UNION MAY 17. ON
MAY 20, THE PRESIDING JUDGE ANNOUNCED A POSTPONEMENT OF
THE HEARING UNTIL DECEMBER 30, 1977 TO ALLOW THE MAREVS
TIME TO PREPARE THEIR CASE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
THE MAREVS AND TO URGE THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO FAVOR-
ABLY RESOLVE THIS CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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